

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION WHERE CHILDREN RESIDE

On my April 22, 2008 motion, the Chief Executive Officer and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) coordinated efforts with the California Community Care Licensing Division on the development of protocols for the State to automatically alert the County whenever a sex offender attempts to register at a state-licensed foster or child care home. Furthermore, the Department of Public Social Services took actions to ensure proper monitoring, tracking and reporting of adults living in child care facilities; and the Probation Department, responsible for the supervision of minors placed in group home facilities or with relatives/non-relatives, established policies and procedures to exchange information with caregivers about any sex offender moving in or visiting the facility/home.

In August 2011, the State alerted DCFS to a list of over 100 addresses where sex offenders had registered and where Los Angeles County-supervised children were placed matched. DCFS' ensuing in-person investigation of each address revealed that **most** of the matches were incorrect, in that, while the registered sex offender resided at the address, there were no children in the home. Yet, in a number of homes where County-supervised children were confirmed to reside, while the household members reported being listed as a "reference" by the registered sex offender, they denied the sex offender's residency in the home. In a smaller number of KinGAP homes, DCFS confirmed the residency of a registered sex offender under the monthly supervision of the Probation Department. A KinGap home is that of a relative caregiver of DCFS children, granted legal guardian responsibility and oversight prior to termination of Dependency Court jurisdiction, yet maintaining a monthly financial relationship with the County for their care,

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Los Angeles County must further improve upon its inter-agency communication and collaboration regarding the residences of registered sex offenders. Even one occurrence of a child residing with a registered sex offender is too many; and no effort should be spared to ensure that sex offenders are not living with or near children, particularly those children previously victimized by abuse or neglect.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors direct the Departments of Children and Family Services, Probation and Internal Services, in consultation with the Sheriff's Department, to report back in 21 days on the development of protocols for:

(1) The Probation Department to cross-reference and cross-report the addresses of registered sex offenders who reside with children, in violation of their probationary terms and conditions, and/or who register a residential address known or later discovered to house children;

(2) The Departments of Children and Family Services, Internal Services and the Sheriff's to cross-reference, on a monthly basis, current placement and home residences of families served by DCFS with available databases of registered sex offenders in order to identify and cross-report those homes for investigation; and

(3) The Department of Children and Family Services to issue monthly written reminders to KinGAP legal guardians requesting verification, from the Megan's Law website, that:

(a) any person(s) who have moved into the residence or property are not registered sex offenders, and

(b) any registered sex offender has not listed their their home address as a residence of record.

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